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Narrative Report--Men's Work
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Food and Feed Production

Corn: Twenty farmers in Baldwin County have planted corn under the direction of Agent Hatcher.

Agent A. H. Hinesman, Bibb County, reports that 500 farmers have planted corn during the month.

Houston-Peach Counties: Eighty demonstrators have prepared land and are ready to plant two acres of corn under the direction of the agent. Each of these farmers is planning to grow at least 80 bushels of corn on these two acres.

E. L. Cooper, Hancock County, reports that 175 acres of corn were planted under his direction. Three demonstrations were conducted in corn cultivation.

In Liberty County, ten club members are carrying out a five acre corn project under the direction of Agent Jas. C. Ralston. His farmers will also plant 3,000 acres of corn, an increase in acreage over last year.

Agent J. P. Powell, Randolph County, reports that eight demonstrations in planting corn were given, reaching twenty-five persons; 40 visits were made by Agent E. Stallworth to several of his demonstrators and information on cultivation and fertilization was given.

Agent T. W. Brown, Washington County, reports twenty-five corn demonstrators ready to plant.

Sweet Potatoes:

Agent Wm. R. King, Dougherty County, reports: "Two visits made to sweet potato plants. Several thousand plants grown and sold."

One farmer in Liberty County purchased 3,000 plants to grow potatoes for early market.

In Monroe County, two acres set in sweet potatoes.

Cane: Agent Jas. C. Ralston, Liberty County, has 27 club members carrying out cane projects this year.

Small Grain and Legumes:

Agent Wm. R. King, Dougherty County, reports that he made two visits to demonstrations in grain and Austrian peas and gave instruction about fertilization and cultivation of these.

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Seventeen tons of rye have been harvested for early feeding and 300 acres of peas and sorghum cane seed sown for summer feed in Clarke County.

Livestock

Poultry: Definite plans have been made to get 150 eight weeks old Barred Rock pullets for farmers. These birds are to be shipped the 1st week in May. One demonstration was given in poultry house construction at the farm of E. Steele where a part of these 150 birds are to be placed.

Agent J. C. Ralston, Liberty County, makes the following report: "Over 600 biddies were hatched this month. Last month's biddies are looking fine. The death rate has been comparatively small due to careful handling and management. "

Agent Wm. R. King, Dougherty County, reports seven poultry club members have been supplied with baby chicks and instructions given in the care of these chicks. \$24.25 which was given by the banks in the city went to purchase baby chicks for club members.

E. L. Cooper, Hancock County, reports three demonstrations given in treating poultry houses for mites. 7,684 pounds of poultry were sold in the cooperative poultry sale. \$1,764 was received by club members.

In Sumter County, Agent E. Stallworth began ten demonstrations in poultry raising. Each demonstrator was given one setting of purebred Rhode Island Red eggs. Much interest manifested by club members. Ten dozen purebred eggs secured for club members in Monroe County.

Agent T. W. Brown, Washington County, makes the following report: "Assisted the white agent with four poultry sales held at Davisboro and Tennille. Two cars of poultry were sold during the month. My people sold \$800 worth of poultry at these cooperative sales. They bring them in small lots but they are improving their flocks and coming to the sales oftener than they used to. The Agent is helping them to a great extent by advising them to secure purebred makes each year of some of the American breeds and get one of the same breed each year, and in that way, we are being able to breed larger bodies and thereby get heavier chickens."

Hogs: Agent D. A. Starks, Clarke County, makes the following report: "132 pigs were farrowed this month. 75 pigs were turned in pasture after rings were put in their noses. 25 hogs treated for lice."

One hundred and seventy-five hogs were inoculated to prevent cholera in Liberty County. Ten feeding demonstrations in feeding pigs given.

Agent T. W. Brown of Washington County with his farmers cooperated with the white Agent in loading a car of hogs. His farmers sold \$94.97 worth of hogs at the sale.

Dairy Cows: Agent D. A. Starks, Clarke County, reports six fresh cows have been added to the list. One cow dehorned.

Agent S. W. Boynton, Monroe County, reports that one Jersey cow secured for club members. 75 cows treated for black leg.

Three cows were bought to supply two farmers' home dairies in Hancock County.

Health and Sanitation

Agent T. W. Brown, Washington County, reported: "We observed the National Negro Health Week. One news article was written in the interest of this week. 13 different communities were visited and ten schools pertaining to health. One sanitary toilet built; four houses whitewashed and two others arranged for; 35 lots were cleaned; ten talks were made at churches about health; 19 poultry houses cleaned; 15 churches and 32 schools cleaned. 220 trees were whitewashed and two poultry houses planned. One circular written, and 500 copies sent out. 40 health programs distributed. Ten pastors cooperated in preaching health sermons and 3,500 people reached during this campaign."

Agent S. W. Boynton, Monroe County, reports: "31 new sanitary toilets have been built since February 10th. 800 people were reached during Health Week. Ten schools rendered health programs."

Agent E. L. Cooper, Hancock County, reports: "One health campaign was conducted. Six health sermons were preached in the county. Eight wells were cleaned and new boxes put around them."

The following report comes from one community club in Baldwin County, Wm. W. Hatcher, Agent: "The main feature of the month was the observing of the National Negro Health Week. The following report was made by Mrs. Chas. Johnson, President and Chairman of the sanitation committee of the Brown Grossing Club. 'These are some of the things we did during this month in observing Health Week: Bed rooms, living rooms and kitchens cleaned, 75; pantry and closets, 5; windows repaired and washed, 120; flower beds made and yards cleaned, 40; sanitary closets made, 3; stables, lots and wood piles cleaned and manure moved, 26; chicken yards and houses built, 7; hen nests and coops made, 119; one house whitewashed and one new garden built.'"

Agent B. S. Adams, Chatham County, reports: "Two meetings held relative to Health Week. Four houses whitewashed and definite plans made to whitewash two more. One circular letter of

300 copies mailed out relative to health week to the farmers and people of the county. 37 visits were made to homes in the interest of this work. One demonstration has been arranged to construct a sanitary toilet."

Agent. Wm. R. King, Dougherty County, reports: "A drive for improved sanitary conditions was put on the first of the month and has been followed through the month. Results accomplished as follows: Seven lectures made at churches and schools; 15 demonstrations given in cleaning up, preparing whitewash, whitewashing, building sanitary toilets; four toilets built; engagements for building two others made and more than 600 people reached. The county commissioners gave me \$25 and other friends, \$3, making a total of \$28, to carry on this sanitary work in the county. The work will be continued during May."

Liberty County, Agent Jas. C. Ralston, reports: "Five school houses whitewashed; one home screened; six health lectures given; five school premises thoroughly cleaned.

Many changes have been made at several farm homes that will incur better living conditions."

Clarke County, Agent D. A. Starks, reports: "During health week, eight communities took active part. The program was well carried out.

During that week, 800 rats were killed; 10 poultry houses cleaned and whitewashed; five two horse wagons loaded with trash, hauled out and dumped; 38 homes raked from beneath and lime scattered under them. Five kitchens repaired and whitewashed; two automobiles painted; six screen doors made and hung; walls swept in five houses.

Every school in the county took part in the program and made clean-up week a success".

Cooperative Marketing

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount of Sale</u>	<u>Saving</u>
Poultry	8,184 lbs.	\$2,695.29	\$ 80.00
Hams	100 lbs.	35.00	5.00
Potato slips	10,000	17.50	2.50
Corn	300 bus.	375.00	----
Butter	116 lbs.	34.80	----
Sour Cream	----	578.53	6.00
Hogs	1,025 lbs.	94.27	20.47
		\$3,830.39	\$113.97

Some Junior Club Work as Reported By Agents

Agent S. W. Boynton, Monroe County, makes the following

report: "All club members are showing more interest in club work than ever before. Thirty boys have purebred pigs that are looking fine. A Livestock Association has been organized among these club boys. Each boy is a member of this Association. The farmers' bank and the bank of Forsyth are both cooperating with the Agent in pushing livestock among club boys."

In Randolph County, the following report comes from Agent J. P. Powell: "Fifty boys enrolled in pig club. 36 have secured their pigs. Iverson White and J. L. Boles who made a success with their pigs last year, have procured two pigs each. Other club boys made similar reports."

E. L. Cooper, Hancock County, reports two new clubs organized. Three club demonstrations were given. 21 club boys have planted their corn.

A. H. Hinesman, Bibb County, reports that 45 boys in pig club and 21 pigs have been placed among these boys. 62 boys enrolled in corn club; 30 acres planted by these boys.

Agent Wm. R. King, Dougherty County, reports: "Seven poultry club members have been supplied with baby chicks and instructions given on the care of them. A part of the \$48.50 given by bankers and business men of Albany was used to purchase baby chicks for club members."

In Liberty County, ten club boys enrolled in pig club and these boys are conducting a feeding demonstration. Ten club boys have corn projects. Two club boys sold their last year's corn for \$1.00 per bushel. It cost 46¢ per bushel to grow this corn.

Agent E. Stallworth, Sumter County, states that he made 30 visits to corn club boys. Held two demonstration meetings and instructed boys relative to the fertilization and cultivation of corn.

Sixty boys in Houston-Peach Counties have their pigs. Banks of Fort Valley and Perry, Georgia. put up \$90.00 to push the pig club work among boys.

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NEGRO HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK
Camilla Weems, Negro District
Agent

April 1928

Home Improvement:- Throughout the month, the agents carried on their campaign for "Better Health and Better Homes", and a large amount of real improvement work was done. Committees were formed and the people were asked to do certain things to make the campaign a success. Preachers, teachers, doctors, and people in all lines of work helped.

Interior Improvement: Three kitchens were whitewashed, 1 kitchen ceiled and whitewashed, 4 kitchens were painted; 2 kitchens remodeled; 4 bed rooms improved; 3 demonstrations given in rearranging furniture; 1 washstand and 1 dresser were repainted; 1 dining table built; 1 bed, 1 sideboard made to look like new by applying two coats of paint; 12 pieces of furniture were painted.

Liberty county agent reported: "1 room painted inside, 4 houses whitewashed; furniture changed in 8 rooms; 12 pieces of furniture painted; 125 flower plants potted; flowers planted in 15 gardens; 125 yards made to look attractive and 6 yard fences made."

Exterior Improvement: 1 home whitewashed; 2 homes built dining rooms, kitchens and porches; 8 sets of door steps built; 125 pots of flowers planted; 302 yards cleaned and improved; 110 homes planted flower yards; 8 new yard fences built; 4 fences whitewashed; 1 poultry house built by plans furnished by the agent; 4 fences whitewashed.

Sanitation and Health: Two paragraphs below are typical reports of work done in the counties in Georgia in which home demonstration agents are working:

"Newton County"-- "The month was given over to a clean up campaign. 12 schools were cleaned inside and out; 4 churches were scrubbed and yards cleaned; 282 bulletins distributed on health; demonstration given in cleaning glass with Bon Ami; Demonstration given to women in making paint and painting floors; 4 health talks given by Dr. King to school children; 12 health sermons preached. We have the cooperation of preachers, teachers, and county officials and good was accomplished."

"Washington County" --"The National Negro Clean Up Campaign was on all the month of April. 18 schools and 39 homes were visited in the interest of this campaign. 35 health talks were given and 15 method demonstrations were given."

Each home demonstration agent sent in a report of the work done in her county during the month. These reports have been compiled with the following results:

<u>Some things done Better Health and Better Homes Month.</u>	
Wells or pumps improved	112
Windows washed	4085
Walls brushed	2138
Closets built in rooms	40
Gardens planted	1071
Trees planted	247
Pieces of furniture oiled and painted	906
Beds poisoned to keep down bed bugs	1676
Quilts & blankets washed	2745
Draperies, rugs and carpets cleaned	428
Running water installed	4
New Furniture bought	104
Dishes bought	334
Rooms or porches built or repaired	53
Out buildings, fences, trees, or toilets whitewashed	112
Sick people given instruction	34
Cemeteries cleaned & improved	5
Homes thoroughly cleaned	2271
Floors scrubbed	2997
Homes screened	15
Sinks built in kitchens	1
Yards drained or improved	215
Pieces of furniture well dusted	2506
Mattresses and pillows sunned	3948
Rooms having furniture rearranged	1554
Number of dishes, fruit jars, or kitchen utensils washed	4781
Kitchen shelves and closets built	113
Home conveniences bought	4
Homes painted or whitewashed	26
Steps repaired	59
Out buildings improved	73
Flowers, hedges, or shrubs planted	1500
Schools cleaned & improved	23
Churches " " "	10

GIRLS' CLUB WORK

Bibb County leads with 581 club girls and Laurens follows with 575 club girls. The total enrollment reported for April is 4659.

Chatham County agent reported: "The junior club enrollment continues to increase. 1 club was organized with 15 members and another club was reorganized with 18 members, making a total of 291 members. The reports from the members are encouraging. Most of the gardens are growing splendidly. A contest is on for the best garden in each community with the owner of the garden doing some real work. 36 flower gardens were planted. National Negro Health Week was observed by the junior members and special efforts were made to beautify their own rooms. 125 windows were washed, 46 beds were treated for pests, floors scrubbed, 2 pieces of furniture made, 3 pairs of window curtains, 6 pairs of pillow cases, 14 aprons, and 21 caps. Demonstrations were given in making yeast bread, muffins, waffles, and cakes. Plans are being made for the short course and a large attendance is expected."

Coweta County agent reported: "On April 20 more than 550 people coming from all over Coweta County, assembled in the Coweta County Court House, Newnan, to witness one of the finest demonstrations of citizenship that has ever been staged in Georgia by a group of colored 4-H Club members. Twenty-two club boys and girls made an American Flag. Each participant made an address

telling the important facts about the community in which he or she lived and ended the speech by pinning a white stripe or star on a prepared surface which was red for the white stripes and had a blue corner for the stars. The flag was very pretty when completed. Then the children repeated the Flag Salute saying: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands -- One Nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all." They sang club songs and yelled for their county. Every girl wore her club uniform and the boys wore arm bands. The club women dressed in their club uniforms, came out in large numbers to enjoy the 4-H Club program for that day."

Laurens County agent reported: "Junior club members have been very active this month. 9 club meetings reported held by club members, 14 new members enrolled. Agent stressed the proper feeding and care of baby chicks. 54 club members reported on health this month. Juniors are making rapid improvement in washing, mending, and darning. The following articles were made: 9 dresses, 3 gowns, 7 garments, 4 pairs of pillow slips, 4 princess slips, 4 sheets hemstitched, 15 handkerchiefs, 12 dollies, 3 rugs, 2 quilts and 3 pieces darned."

Peach-Houston Counties agent reported: "Food production, Gardens: 100 club girls have planted beans and tomatoes and their gardens are looking fine. Poultry: 20 settings of eggs were set by club girls this month. 50 baby chicks were hatched and 4 dozen Rhode Island Reds were sold by a club girl of Henderson Community. 1 purebred Rhode Island Red cockerel was sold by a club girl of Mt. Zion community. Food Conservation: 8 pints of asparagus were canned by club girls. Home Beautification: 3 club girls planted flowers this month, 1 school kitchen floor was stained by the King's Chapel Club girls at their meeting. Sewing: 20 caps and aprons were made by club girls. Sanitation and Health: During Health Week the club girls were very busy giving their rooms a general cleaning. 50 club girls cleaned their rooms and helped their mothers clean the rest of the house. Curtains were taken down, washed and ironed. 2 club girls whitewashed their poultry houses."

Polk County Agent reported: "2 bread making contests were held this month for club girls. Biscuits and corn meal muffins were made. Aragon, Cedartown and Oak Hill were the three clubs to take part in the first of these contests which was held at Oak Hill. The second contest was held in Rockmart and Cedartown. Mt. Alegry and Rockmart were the contestants. The judges for both of these counties declared that the biscuits and corn meal muffins by the girls were excellent. During April 16 community fairs were held at school houses in the county instead of holding one big school fair in Cedartown. More people were able to see the club work as the whole community came out to the school house. "Better Homes in America Week" was observed in Rockmart by fitting up the home of one of the club members as a model home. A bed room, dining room and kitchen were exhibited, in fact, the lady allowed every room in her house to be shown a large number of people.

Both white and colored visited the Model Home. On the 16th. of May there will be a Bed Room contest held among the club members.

Rockmart Club Report - Polk County

"The National Negro Health Week was observed at the Rockmart High School April 1. The previous week the club boys and girls washed 36 windows and cleaned 25 walls. Oiled 5 floors, plowed 1 acre of garden land, planted 16 rose bushes and 6 cedars. Cleaned yard, cut bushes and cleaned cistern nicely. The club boys and girls are doing splendid work. They bought a nice serving tray, mixing bowl and a linen table cloth for the domestic science room, at the last meeting each boy and girl pledged so much to buy a nice range for the cooking room to be used at the cooking contest April 27. Prepared for Better Homes Week and the Oratorical Contest which was held the last of April."

(Signed) Imagene Tolbert, Pres.

Report from Oak Hill Club -- Polk County.

Oak Hill Rosenwald School Clean Up Health Week was observed- we planted flowers, trees, shrubbery, roses, lilies, and other plants. Cleaned the yard, painted the outhouses and whitewashed the inside. Oiled floors of the class rooms, cloak rooms and wiped the linoleum in the kitchen, polished the stove and both heaters. During the term we were instrumental in getting a cistern and finished up with buckets, rope, troughs and filter. Our School club is well organized with President, Vice-President, Secretary, & Treasurer. Each Wednesday we cook, sew, do handicraft and wood work. Our Cooking Contest on April 4 was a success. Miss Phillips, White Home Dem. Agent was the judge. Cedartown was awarded 1st honor, Oak Hill second."

Washington County reported: "11 members were added to the junior club enrollment. 11 aprons, 7 dresses, 14 handkerchiefs, 2 slips, 3 dresses, 3 rugs and 5 pillow tops were made. 2 demonstrations were given in making candy, 10 pounds of candy made. 2 demonstrations in making biscuits and one in making corn meal muffins given."

